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The Klamath National Forest Welcomes Two New Staff Officers.

YREKA, Calif.,— Recent retirements from the Klamath National Forest have created vacancies that have been filled by two highly-qualified individuals. The **Public Uses Staff Officer** is responsible for the programs that relate to public use of the national forest including recreation, heritage resources, lands and recreation special uses and minerals. That position also manages the environmental planning and analysis program as well as geographic information systems (GIS).

The other key staff position recently filled on the Klamath National Forest is the **Natural Resource Staff Officer**. That job is responsible for Wildlife, Botany, Range, Timber, Silviculture, Soils, Geology, Hydrology, and Fisheries. The Resources group helps with project planning and implementation to manage vegetation, soils, water, and wildlife to benefit ecosystem health.

Donna Harloff is the new Public Uses Staff Officer and comes to us from the Angell Job Corps Center in Yachats, Oregon, where she was the center's Director. Donna brings a strong and varied background with her, one that matches very well to her new job - she is a landscape architect by training, and practiced that skill in a number of assignments on the Cleveland, Sequoia and Green Mountain NFs, as well as has a background in project and land management planning, special uses and visitor information/recreation site management. Her hobbies are traveling, painting and outdoor activities. Donna has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Colorado in Business Management (emphasis in organization and personnel management) and a Masters Degree from Kansas State University in Landscape Architecture (emphasis in Resource Planning and Analysis).



Dan Blessing has been chosen to the Natural Resource Staff Officer and has long been an employee of the Klamath National Forest. He has worked primarily in silviculture and vegetation management, and has also providing key leadership to the development and implementation of the integrated timber/fuels treatment/wildlife habitat improvement program on the Klamath National Forest.

Dan's previous job was the Klamath National Forest's Vegetation Management Officer and Forest Silviculturist. Prior to that he was the Silviculturist on the Goosenest Ranger District and on the Salmon River Ranger District. He has an extensive history working in timber management, pre-sale forestry, logging engineering and forest fuels. Recently he has been involved with a group of citizens and business interests who are working at bringing a biomass facility to Siskiyou County. Dan is a graduate from U.C. Santa Barbara with a degree in Environmental Biology.

